



**WATER QUALITY, SUPPLY AND SAFE DRINKING WATER PROJECTS.
COASTAL WETLANDS PURCHASE AND PROTECTION. BONDS. INITIATIVE STATUTE.**

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 50

YES ON 50. PROTECT OUR DRINKING WATER SUPPLY AND COASTLINE.

Our water supply is threatened by pollution, recurring drought, population growth, and inadequate security.

Proposition 50 will help overcome these threats and provide every California family a safe, reliable supply of clean drinking water by:

- Removing dangerous, cancer causing pollutants from our drinking water.
- Creating new water supplies to keep up with population growth.
- Keeping raw sewage and pollution out of our coastal waters and cleaning up beaches and bays.
- Protecting rivers, lakes and streams and preserving coastal wetlands.
- Protecting our reservoirs, dams, pumping stations and pipelines from terrorist threats and intentional contamination.

YES ON 50 KEEPS OUR WATER FLOWING

California's population is expected to nearly double in the next forty years. Proposition 50 funds state and local water system improvements needed to keep up with population growth by providing new water supplies and supporting water conservation programs.

YES ON 50 KEEPS OUR WATER CLEAN

Proposition 50 funds improved drinking water treatment to remove dangerous cancer causing chemicals, including arsenic, chromium and MTBE from our drinking water.

YES ON 50 KEEPS OUR WATER SAFE

Many of California's reservoirs, dams and pumping stations are protected by little more than a chain link fence. Proposition 50 protects local water delivery systems from terrorist threats and intentional contamination by funding early warning systems, alarms, fences, security systems, testing equipment and upgraded communications systems.

YES ON 50 PROTECTS OUR BEACHES, BAYS AND COASTLINE

Many of California's most beautiful beaches are unsafe for swimming because of pollution and raw sewage. Proposition 50 will fix aging local sewer and storm water systems that dump urban runoff into coastal waters. Proposition 50 also provides for

protection and restoration of coastal wetlands vital to restoring the water quality, fisheries and wildlife of the San Francisco, Santa Monica and San Diego bays and of the coastal waters of the state.

YES ON 50 WILL NOT RAISE TAXES

Proposition 50 will use existing tax revenue where it is needed now—to protect our water supply and ensure safe drinking water for all Californians.

YES ON 50—SUPPORTED BY LOCAL WATER AGENCIES, CONSERVATION GROUPS, BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS, INCLUDING:

- Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
- Contra Costa Water District
- East Bay Municipal Utility District
- League for Coastal Protection
- Heal the Bay
- Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
- League of Women Voters of California
- The Nature Conservancy
- Southern California Agricultural Land Foundation
- National Wildlife Federation
- Audubon California
- American River Conservancy
- League to Save Lake Tahoe
- Clean Water Action

YES ON 50—PROTECT CALIFORNIA'S FUTURE:

California's future depends on investment in water supply and security, water quality and safe drinking water projects and on protecting our rivers, lakes, bays and coastal waters from contamination. Proposition 50 provides the funds that local water districts need to serve California's growing population.

Please join our campaign to protect California's water supply and coastline: www.prop50yes.com

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REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 50

To say Proposition 50 creates "*new water sources to keep up with population growth*" is an outright lie. Just read Section 79560 of the initiative, it strictly prohibits bond funds from being spent for building new dams or reservoirs.

To say it "*will not raise taxes*" is another lie. Proposition 50 will cost California Taxpayers a total of \$5.7 billion—that's \$227 million each year for the next 25 years. Furthermore, this initiative does nothing to complete the California Water Project sponsored by Gov. Pat Brown to meet our long range water needs.

Millions of acre-feet of water flow down the Sacramento, through the Golden Gate, into the ocean each year. A canal is desperately needed to divert water around the Delta so it can flow down the California Aqueduct to drought stricken areas of our State. Proposition 50 does nothing to address this badly needed source of new water.

Proposition 50 is more about money than water. The proponents solicited various special interests and apparently traded bond monies for campaign cash. It's called *quid pro quo* and under normal circumstances, it's illegal. However, in the arena of initiative politics, it's not illegal. Some of the largest real estate developers in California are big investors in this scheme to extract \$3.44 billion from the taxpayers.

The principals of the San Juan Company put up \$50,000 for the effort at the same time they are trying to get approval to build 14,000 houses in an environmentally sensitive southern Orange County.

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